# DESTINED TO BE VETUED

Probable Fate of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Bill.

Many Senators Believe the President Will Not Approve the Measure If Passed as Reported to the House-Amount Called for Considered Much Larger Than Necessary.

It is the opinion of many members of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation bill should it be passed, as reported by the House committee. The bill is referred to as the most extravagant measure of the kind ever reported to the House. The report of the House committee which gives \$60,000,000 as the total of approprintiens desired is misleading. The correct amount, is is said, according to the bill taken in detail, is \$80,000,000. This, together with the rivers and harbors items in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill will bring the amount close to \$100,-

It is claimed by some Senators that the total will be much greater when the Senate adds its items, and that a veto is inevitable. The members of the steering committee point out that \$39,000,000 ought to suffice. President Arthur vetoed a rivers and harbors bill carrying \$12,000,000 as excessive, while President Cleveland during his second Administration vetoed a similar measure because it carried \$70,000,000.

When the House committee decided to report the bill the total was fixed at \$50,-000,000. This was thought too large for a starter and items providing for work already authorized by Congress were cut from the measure. This brought the ostensible total down to \$50,000,000, but the \$20,000,000, being already authorized must be added later either on this bill or as separate appropriations, thus making the rivers and harbors total \$80,000,000.

Many Senators are highly indignant at what they term foelish extravagance, and it is rumored that every back district with a millipond was favored by its Repwith a milipoid was tavored by its kep-resentative, a majority of the items being classed as "unusual and unnecessary." One item alone calls for no less a sum than \$4,000,000. This is for the improve-ment of a river at West Neebish, Mich. and \$500,000 is made available immediately. It is such items as this, it is said, that have made the enormous total.

According to one Senator the Western

watersheas supply simil streams. The ide is said to be the first step in a scheme for a wast system of irrigating canels to redeem the crid lands. It this is added to the bill as an amendment it will carry from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000

It is said that the one redeeming feature of the commission is being propared by the people of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and

last year. Appropriations for fortifications are increased \$12,000,000 over last year. The Army bill carries \$30,000,000 more than last year, and yet the War Revenue

Then there is the Ship Subsidy bill; the bills for the construction of public buildings in every hamlet; the Cotton Claims bill: the Omnibus Claims bill, and so on without limit. This session will be a record breaker, and no same man will blame the President should he veto the Rivers and Harbors bill."

# CLEVELAND'S DUCK HUNT.

The Ex-President and Captain Evans at Murphy's Island.

COLUMBIA, S. C. Dec. 26.-Grover Cleveland, "Fighting Bob" Evens, and other sportsmen arrived at Georgetown in a special sleeper at midnight last night. They slept in their car, and this morning went by launch to Murphy's Island, where they will be the guests of the Murphy's Island Gun Club for ten days. The party has been invited to attend a banquet of the Palmetto Club tomorrow night. Mr.

Cieveland is an honorary member.

The first real duck weather of the year set in this morning, with a cold north-

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STORMS ON THE GREAT LAKES. Veteran Ohio Skipper Details

een a rough year," remarked Captain Gifford, of Geneva, as he granced over the statistics of deaths from shipwrecks for the season just closed on the Great Lakes, and then wound up his story by recalling the days of nearly fifty years ago, when large ships were brigs and Iren re ports were naught. Capt. N. Gifford is authority on all subjects pertaining to early and late lake traffic. He is the oldest captain in active service on the lakes. In his seventy-fifth year, he declares he will sail next season as in half the Senate that the President will veto a century past, life and health permit-

"We were riding as high as a house above the ordinary level of the lake and yet the waves washed high over our pilot house," said Captain Gifford as he referred to his experiences on the Ahira Cobb west of Erie, in the recent severe storm. The Ahira Cobb is the schooner of which Mr Gifford is captain. The

"The Cobb lost her mainsall and our cook stove left its moorings and became a scrappile on the opposite side of the kitchen."
On this occasion Captain Gifford stood at his post from Tuesday morning till Wed-nesday night. The wind was blowing at the rate of seventy-eight miles an hour. The storm, as witnessed from a point near Miles Grove, Pa., was regarded as the most unusual that had ever been seen on that part of the lake. The peninsula between Elk Creek and the lake, measuring in width about 100 feet, was com pleiely submerged. William Daggett, one of the men who helped rescue the few survivers from the wrecked vessel John B. Lyons lives in a house which stands on a bank more than sixty feet above the lake On that night he says that the spray thrown by the high seas, assisted by the heavy winds, reached the side of his residence and ran down the window panes like water in a severe rain storm, Concerning the recent discovery that in

storm a whirlpool is formed near Long Point, which, together with the strong current toward the head of the lakes, is responsible for the many shipwrecks which have occurred in the vicinity where the Lyons and Foster recently went down, Captain Gifford expressed considerable in-terest. He stated that many times in years past he had noticed the peculiar condition of the water there, but had never thought of it in the light of this

recent scientific investigation before.

Captain Gifford said that he began to sail the lakes in 1840, when but fifteen years of age, and up to the present he has members of the House have n scheme to defect of these is to improve the waterways, but it is known that the idea was brought to the fore by the lobby sent here by the National Irrigation Congress, and provides for irrigation reservoirs at the heads of streams and in mountains where watersheds supply small streams. The watersheds supply small streams. The self-stream of pared with 20,000 bushels, the average big cargo of today, Among the great number of pew craft on the lakes today, few vessels forty years eld can be found. Mr. sels forty years old can be found. Mr. Gifford about a year ago heard of one, the L. E. Shepard, running near Chicago, on which he was mate forty-five years

Captain Gifford remembers bringing down his first cargo of from ore in 1863, and it actually did not aggregate more of the bill is the fart that the Missouri River Commission is abolished, and no more appropriations will be made for the waterway for some time. It has been shown that the river amounts to nothing the standard brought down 7.446 gross, or 5.259 net, tons, to Conneaut. The as an avenue of commerce and that it is the same sized cargo. But the future will impossible to maintain permanent channels. A protest against the abolishment Gifford. "They could have been carried of the commission is being prepared by during the season of 1900 had the maintenthe people of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and size of uniform twenty-one-foot channels."

"The idea of this bill seems to be to make sure that there will be no surplus."

Said a Senator last night. "This measure carries \$8.,000,000 when \$39,000,000 is enough. Then look at other bills. The House has agreed to spend \$85,000,000 for the navy, which is \$25,000,000 more than last year. Appropriations for fortifications. been possible."

For thirty years Mr. Gifford has held the position of captain. Before that time he held different offices within the province of his ship while working his way to the highest position. In all the thirty years, although in many a storm, he has had but one shipwreck, and even then not a member of his crew perished. This one occurred about fifteen years ago, when he was sailing the schouner George Sherman. Fourteen miles from Marquette, after running hard aground in one of the severest windstorms that ever one of the severest windstorms that ever swept the lakes, the life-boats were suc-cessfully launched, and in the raging seas the crew, under the command of Cap-tain Gifford, reached shore. Then for fourteen miles along the shore and through the woods they walked until they reached Marquette, where they were fed

reached Marquette, where they were fed and cared for.

The cargo of Canadian iron ore which was recently brought to Ashtabula has generally been regarded as the first ever delivered in America. However, Captain Gifford remembers distinctly in '73 and '74 of bringing from the old Canadian miner near Kingston a cargo to the port of Eric, Pa. He also delivered one cargo to Cleveland Harbor. Port Hope at that time was a Canadian ore shipping point. a Canadian ore shipping point.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-Representative

Amos J. Cummings, who was brought

home from New Haven on Saturday with

a broken ankle, as a result of a fall from his blevele, is still suffering a good deal from the pain, but is improving. He went away for a month's outling, and although he had been away only since Christmas, his general health is better, in spite of the mishap at New Haven. Be your own Santa Claus-order

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## of His Experiences. GENEVA, Ohio, Dec. 30 .- "This bas

Quaker City Singers Prepare a Handsome Sonvenir.

Rare Work in Solid Silver to Be Pre sented to the German Emperor in Appreciation of His Action in Offering a Saengerbund Prize-In the Form of a Magnificent Album

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.-The handsome souvenir to be presented to Emperor William of Germany by the Northeastern Sacngerbund, in appreciation of his action in offering a prize which was competed for at the National Saengerfest in Brooklyn last summer, has just been completed and was yesterday displayed for the first Kibele & Co., of this city, and is one of the handsomest specimens of the silverstorm on Lake Erie referred to is the one in which the steamer John B. Lyons form of an album of solid silver, with red went down with most of the crew.

"The Lyons, I believe, was caught by a fidal wave," continued Captain Gifford.

31,200. smith's art ever produced. It is in the \$1.200.

The album contains two solid silver leaves and weighs twenty-five pounds. The front cover is embellished in the left upper corner with a heavy silver figure of the muse with a lyre. In the centre of the cover is an enameled shield bearing the escutcheon of the house of Hohencollern. The edges of the cover are Emperor's favorite flower.

The first page is a highly polished silver date, near the top of which are the figures "1850-1900," in commemoration of the golden jubilee of the Northeastern are crossed the American and German flags with the colors in enamel. Below Germany in enamel. Between the two flags is placed in gold the emblem of the Northenstern Saengerbund.

The second page contains in raised let-ters the text of the resolution of thanks to the Emperor adopted by the Sacugor-bund, and on the opposite page is the prize song complete, with words and music. The caption, "Das Deutsche Lied," is in bold German text, the first letter of each word being enameted so as to make the American colors,

On the fourth page is a large raised figure of a medieval Teuton minatrel, which is a reproduction of the Kaiser prize. The back of the album contains a large monogram of the organization. making the presentation, and the corners are ornamented with corn flowers in sliver. The souvenir rests in a white satin-lined mahogany case, the classe, locks hinges, sud screws of which are of rilver. The gift will be displayed in the show window of the manufacturer tomorrow and will shortly be taken by a committee of the Northeastern Saengerbund to Wash-ington, where it will be presented to Am bassador Holieben, who will ferward it o the Kaiser on behalf of the American

#### STUDENTS AS SOCIALISTS.

An Active Club of Workers Organiz ed at Columbia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-An organization as been formed by representatives of the which will be known as the Students' So cial Progress Club. The objects of the organization will be wholly of an informaional nature, for the present at least, At the meetings of the club trades unionists, vest makers, cigar men, printers, and industrial leaders of every class will be the speakers. These meetings are to be held ortnightly, and will consist alternately of lectures and discussions. The club num-bers among its members many women from Teachers' College who are most ardent in the cause of social reform.

Parnard College has thus far sent no representative to the meetings, but the president of the club said that he thought there would be a quick response on the announcement of the club's organization. The following officers have been elected President, Armour Caldwell, Columbia; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss A. B. Coler,

Teachers' College: Executive Committee, H. Ross, Columbia; Miss M. C. West, Teachers' College, A Barnard representa-tive will be chosen in the near future. Armour Caldwell, the President of the Armour Caracteristics, said: "We intend to send delegates to all Socialist meetings and will take in that way an active part all Socialistic movements.

Mr. Caldwell is a member of the senior class at Columbia and a resident of Bay Riege, Brooklyn. He was educated at the Brooklyn High School, which he left three

#### years ago to enter Columbia. JAPAN'S LATEST WARSHIP.

ompletion of Her Official Trials Of

the Tyne.

From Engineering.

The Japanese battleship Hatsuse, built by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Limited, from designs by P. Watts, and engined by Humphrys, Tennant & Co., has now completed her official trials

at the mouth of the Tyne.

The vessel has a displacement of 15,000 cons; her length is 400 feet, her breadth is feet, and her draft of water is 27 eet. Her armament consists of four 12 inch guns in pairs in barbettes on the middle line at the extremities of the ship, fourteen 6-inch guns in casements, six on the upper deck and eight on the main deck; twenty 12-pounders, twelve 2-pounders, a number of smaller guns, and four 18-inch under water torpedo tubes. The armor consists of a complete selt from stem to stern, nine inches thick over the central portions, including the machinery and magazines, and tapered o four inches at the extremities. Over the central portion the armor rises to the main deck, forming a citadel, pro-tecting the bases of the main deck case-ment guns. This armor is six inches thick on the sides and twelve inches over the bulkheads. The barbettes protecting the 12-inch guns are of 14-inch armor, and the casemates protecting the 6-inch guns are of 6-inch armor. All of the armor is the tough hard faced armor re-cently introduced. A trial of six hours' duration with four

fifths of full power was made on the 5th instant, on route from Chatham, where the ship had been docked, when a speed of eighteen knots, based on revolutions, was maintained. The vessel reached the mouth of the Tyne early on the 6th instant, when she was joined by the firing party. Ammunition for the gunnery trials was at once taken on board, and these trials were satisfactorily carried out during the day, and demenstrated that the hull of the vessel was well able to gitand the stresses to which it was subjected. The next day the vessel having been brought to the required draft by the admission of water to the double bottom. measured mile giving a mean speed of 19.1 knots. The mean power developed over the three hours exceeded 15,over the three hours exceeded 15,000 horses. Turning, starting, anchor, and other trials have since been made, and the vessel has now returned to her moorings off Jarrow Slake, where the final opening up of the machinery and painting is being rapidly pressed on with and it is expected that the vessel will sail for Jaron in a few the vessel will sail for Japan in a few

It is interesting to note that throughou: the whole of the sleam trials, which ex-tended over several days, the stoking was performed by the Japanese stokers belonging to the ship.

HEBREW BAKERS STRIKE.

Famine Feared on New York's East Side.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- Six hundred members of the Hebrew Bakers' Union have left their kneading troughs and ovens and declare that they will do no more work until the bosses are prepared to keep their promse of ten-bous days and sanitary bakeshops. Four hundred more will be or-dered out, and 200 shops on the East Side will present bare shelves and empty couners to their customers.

Backed by the forces of the United Hebrow Trades Unions, representing 40,000 workmen in Manhattan and Brooklyn, and their familles, 200,000 persons in all, the bakers, who are well organized, believe that they can put up a winning fight. They tell a tale of oyerwork in underground places, dark, If ventifated—work in which fifteen hours is considered a short day. and in which it is no uncommon thing for men and boys to put in twenty hours out of the twenty-four. They have a ten-hour law at their backs, and agreements signed by their employers agreeing not to work them more than the legal day.

But they say that both law and agree-ments are dead letters, and that the greedy bosses have been gradually lengthening the number of working hours until the men wonder that they have stopped

the men wonder that they have stopped short of twenty-four.

The "day" begins soon after midnight and ends late in the afternoon, and the pay ranges at the following figures: Foremen in bake shops, \$13 a week; bread kneaders, \$3 a week; helpers, \$6 a week; bread carriers, \$12 a month.

Small as these wares are the bakers do.

bread carriers, \$12 a month.

Small as these wages are, the bakers do not now ask for an increase. But they do ask for decent hours and bake shops in which there is sufficient light and air to support human life.

The strikers have gone to work in a businesslike manner. The strike was ordered at midnight and was promptly obeyed. In the morning headquarters obeyed. In the morning headquarters were established by the executive com-mittee of the Hebrew Bakers' Union at Liberty Hall, 257 East Houston Street. Here the strikers gathered during the day and listened to addresses of an en-

"Stand by your guns," said the crators "They can't hold out, these bosses. The competition is too great, and there are too many in the business anxious to supply bread and other things, if our ses cannot do it.

"Besides, we will receive the support of the United Hebrew Trades Unions, and all we have got to do is to work agether and be firm, and we will surely win out."

A few of the shops in which a strike had been declared made shift to get cut a partial supply of bread, with non-union bakers, picked up at random, while others did no business at all. Small greeers did a land office business, and were soon sold out, and the supply in many of the big bakeries not affected by the strike was exhausted. A bread famine in the tene-ment house district of the East Side would be a very serious matter, for comparatively few of the population know how to make bread or, if they knew how have facilities for balting it.

# SMALLPOX IN CHICAGO.

Cases Reported to the City alth Authorities.

CHICAGO Det. 20,-Two cases of smallpox have been reported to the health de-partment had the sufferers removed to the isolation hospital. The first was that of L. L. Wolfe, who had been at a down-town loading house. Feeling III Wolfe had recourse to the clinic of Rush Medi-cal College, and the students discovered was in the most dangerous stage

Robert Lewis, colored, 203 South Des laines Street, was in the county hospits Street, was in the county hospital ymptome of the discase were de-on him. He also was taken to y's folktion hospital. Neither had Wer been vaccinated.

#### KILLED AND PROZEN STIFF. Jersey Worker Waited for Death or

a Railway Track. MOORESTOWN, N. J., Dec. 30 .- Employes of Augustus Reeves' brick yard at Lengia made a grewsome discovery carly yesterday morning. They were walking along the railroad from Maple Shade Sta-

and it is evident he had been dead some time.

Coroner Dr. J. D. Janney was notified difference to the agencies whether the and learned that the man had been at Merchantville Friday night and took a train for Maple Shade, where he alighted and started to walk to his lodging house. Indications lead to the belief that he sat down on the track and went to sleep and that the midnight train struck him, killing him instanty. The coroner did not deem an inquest necessary. The man was about

thirty years of age, and claimed his home in New York City A DEFAULTER FOR THOUSANDS. three years.

The Altoona Receiver of Taxes Short In His Accounts. ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.-James H. Mc-Cullough, the Altoona receiver of county

and State taxes, was reported today to be a defaulter to the extent of \$35,000 to \$50,000. The discovery that he was short in his accounts was made on Thursday. County Commissioner J. C. Hughes, one of McCullough's bondsmen, immediately charged him with the crime. McCullough broke down and admitted he had embezzled \$19,000. An examination of his books was immediately begun. McCullough has not been seen since Thursday. This evening W. W. Blake, one of his bondsmen, announced that the shortage so far totals \$32,000. McCullough was a mem-

ber of the Methodist Church, and moved in the best society. He was, however, an inveterate gambler and recently lost heavily en stocks and at cards. VALUABLE PAPYRI CURIOS. Recently Collected Letters Soon to

## Be Published.

B. C. These letters, which are now exhibited in the new Babylonian room, afford interesting examples of the manifold duties of an Oriental monarch some four thousand years ago. They throw a great light upon the civilization and system of At Biskra it rarely rains, though heavy temperal showers are not unknown beight government in vogue at the period. The point is that they have been copied by Mr. Leonard W. King, the assistant in the

the full speed trials were proceeded with.

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THE "NEWS BUTCHER" TO GO.

Excluded From Trains on Sever Railroads During the Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-The day of the train newsboy, or, as he is more familiarly known, the "news butcher," Is seemingly drawing to a close. He has been excluded from several railroads within the last year and his departure from other lines is only tral will apparently be one of the first to drop him. Not one of several high offictals of this road, who were seen by a reporter, expressed himself altogether in his favor. The roads which have already taken action are the Lehigh, the Eric, and the Chicago and Alton.

The newsboy muct go, and for no other reason than that he has become a nulsance to travelers. The decline of this business into popular prejudice and dislike has resulted largely from the great cheapening in printed matter, the establishment of news, confectionery, and fruit stands at stations, and the equipment of through express trains with libraries.

In the early days of the news butcher he had more or less of a monopoly. Pas-seagers found themselves in need of a book or comic weekly to enliven the tebook or comic weekly to enliven the tedium of the journey or a basket of fruit to check a growing hunger. The sale of the comic weekly has now been considerably diminished by the introduction of humorous matter into the daily newspapers, which are to be bought at almost every corner. The need for the sale of estables on the train has been met by the introduction of the distory care.

on the train has been met by the intro-duction of the dining car.

With the decrease in business there has been a corresponding increase in the per-sistence and oftentimes the impudence of those who pursue it for a living. Corre-spondingly, also, the prejudice of the pub-lic against the news butcher has grown space.

A reporter in traveling recently over a western bound express train out of this city encountered three different newsboys between sunrise and midnight. Each knew his business, but plied it in a different

In the first six hours of the journey the passengers of the train were the helpless victims of a big, burly fellow, whose fat face rolled up in folds at every turn of his head. He had a voice which sounded as need. He had a voice which sounded as if it came through a ten-foot megaphone. Everything about the vender was loud. On entering the car he closed the door with a slam as if to advertise his coming. The door shut, the butcher shouted, with his eyes riveted on the occupant of the nearest seat, a long list of weekly maga-zines. He then shoved an assortment of his wares, arranged in fan shape on his left arm, into the face of his intended customer, who chanced to be an effem-inate young fellow, with his hair plastered to his head and accurately parted in the

mary fashion and fidgeted uncomfortably in his seat. The butcher now came to still closer quarters, and the nervous passen-ger finally bought a weekly to rid himself

ger finally bought a weekly to rid himself of his persecutor.

The butcher continued his tactics with the rest of the passengers, sometimes meeting with open defiance, sometimes with stolid indifference, and occasionally with unreserved surrender.

The butcher who came on the train next was a pale faced, tow headed boy, who tried to work on the sympathies of the women passengers. He made a specialty of confectionery, and wherever he found some mother with one or more children he almost always drove a bargain by exciting the appetities of the little ones. He citing the appetites of the little ones. He laid the sweets before them until the mother was compelled to buy some bonbon other to still their cries

The third butcher said little, as if he knew that his presence was not wanted, but sought to advertise his wares and arouse the interest of the passengers by leaving with each of them a package of candy or a novel. He would then leave the car for some minutes, and later re-turn, as if to give the impression that he had just as soon give away his goods as not. If anyone desired to show a sub-stantial appreciation of his philanthropy

by paying for it, however, the butcher The news butchers are in the employ of a news agency and work on a commission. The news agency pays the railroad for the privilege either a commission of a certain fixed amount each year. The same agency which employs the news tion to the brick yard, when they found the crushed and mangled form of Frank Ryan, a fellow-workman, lying near the railroad tracks. The body was frozen stiff, butchers continue to pester the traveling public or are relegated into blissful oblivion.

> which operates on the principal railroads running out of this city, said yesterday: "It rests entirely with the railroads whether or not the news butcher should be abolished. We understand that the public has come to look on the butcher as a nuisance, and I would not be at all surprised if he disappeared within two or three vars." THE OASIS OF BISKRA.

A member of the Union News Company,

which operates on the principal railroads

#### Healthful and Beautiful Resort in the Algerian Desert. (From the Pall Mall Gazette.)

The journey to that charming retreat the easis of Biskra, in the Algerian Desert, on the edge of the Great Sahara, is not at all arduous, and can be accomplished direct from London in four days, the through ticket costing a little over £12. From Marseilles the comfortable steamers of the Transatlantique Company leave once a week direct for Philippeville, and once weekly via Bona, the direct crossing taking thirty hours. From Philippeville Biskra is reached by rail in a day. Most travel-ers will prefer to break their journey at Constantine, that inland Gibraliar, whose splendid situation, enthroned on its isolated plateau of rock, is unique in the world. Interesting as it is, however, it unfortunately lacks good hotel accommodation, an accusation which, cannot be urged against Biskra, which possesses at least one first-class hotel in the Royal, and several others, the Victoria, the Oasis, the Des Zibaus, etc., clean, comfortable, and moderate enough to suit everyone's and moderate enough to suit everyone's means. The Royal is the most modern, and has a large inner courf laid out as a surface, an extensive flat roof, and a minater of Babylonian royal letters referring to the important period of the Arabian dynasty of Babylon, about 2200 B. C. These letters, which are now exhibited in the prev Babylonian roy at the bad of the river, the Oued-Biskra, to the Sahara and the picturesque range of hills, the Djebel-Metlili, on the horizon.

government in vogue at the period. The point is that they have been copied by Mr. Leonard W. King, the assistant in the Griental department, and Messrs. Luzac will publish the text and translation in the Semitic series.

Another volume, with recently collected papyri, will be published by the British Museum early next year. It will contain a series of moral aphorisms resembling in some respects the Proverba of Solomon and the Book of Ecclesiastes. The papyrus fortunately possesses the first page, and it shows the true use and character of those works, which are numerous in Expyrian works, which are numerous in Expyrian. tropical showers are not unknown; bright northern eyes is the great and sallent novelty of the place. Very quaint and inas to conduct which would enable them to attain to the highest positions in the State. Another interesting document to be included in the publication is a complete calendar of the lucky and rather. included in the publication is a complete calcular of the lucky and unlucky days of the year. Each day is divided into three parts, and the omen for each is given. Similar calendars exist but this is the first which affords the complete year.

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# RUDDEN'S NEW CREDIT HOUSE. Northeast Corner of Seventh and H Streets.

Fahrenheit. As this heat is, however, extremely enervating to the bather, it is advisable to order the bath beforehand and to allow it time to cool to a reasonable temperature. The tramway which runs to the baths passes first under palms and mimosa through the exquisite oasis of Beni-Mora, out into the desert, taking about three-quarters of an hour.

In the afternoon there are excursions, driving, riding, on horses or camels, to the environs and to the neighboring oases.

the environs and to the neighboring cases, and, after dinner, concerts, operettas, petits chevaux, and baccarat at the Casing or visits to the numerous Moorish cafes in the town, where may be seen the native girls dancing their strangely monotonous Arab dances to the no less mon intended only, one is told, as an paniment to the distracted thoughts of the listener, while he sips the sweetened coffee and smokes innumerable cigaretter The rather squalid haunts of the hashisl smokers may also be visited; excellent guides are to be found at the hotels, all of whom speak French, and some a little English. Travelers who visit Biskra, un-less for health, usually stay a day or two only; but it is really worth a longer visit.

A fortnight certainly can be pleasantly passed there, in the course of which the expedition by diligence to the important onsis and city of Pugart can be under taken. There is also fairly good shooting within easy reach; chamois, and the mouflon, which are really Barbary sheep abound between Biskra and El Kantara, and for these expeditions the services of one of the numerous trustworthy guides

can be requisitioned.

A feature of Biskra is the curious villa of Count Landon, which he kindly allows to be shown to visitors during the afternoon. The various rooms are not under one roof, but are isolated and distributed in different parts of the splendid tropical gardens, in which are successfully acclimatized many rare fruit trees, shrubs and other plants. Very charmingly do the hours slip away in these enchanted gardens, remote from the noises of the town, remote from the world. Screene from the noonday sun by thickest tropica vegetation, one can repose in the heat of the day in the Arab salon where day-light filters in sparingly through hanging passes of vivid bougain villeas, stroll later through groves of feathery hamboo, and orange gardens golden with fruit and heavy with the voluptious scent of blos-som, and, finally, watch from the river terrace the scarlet glory of the sinking sun, most splendid of nature's many splendid pageants, most glorious of God's many glorious gifts, transfiguring in a blaze of rose-colored fire the grey silhouetted outline of the distant Djebel-Metilii, and touching with magical rays the golden waves of the Sahara and the island oases of Lalia and Filiash.

This same sunset hour is one of the daily charms of life in the descrt, and the northern traveler must stand spellbound before such a riot of southern coloring. I should like to say that during a two months' tour in Algeria and Tunis in the height of the recent Anglophobia I ex-perienced nothing but the utmost civility and kindness from all classes, both of Frenchmen and Arabs. Where the reverse has been experienced may it not have been because our countrymen are occasionally, as a modern novelist has wittily told us, too conspleuously "dressed in the Union Jack?" (From the Hartford Times.)

range lights that have recently been observed the surface of Mars have led to the question the jolly old buys on Mars trying to send New r's congratulations to the celestial rubberneck

Great Britain a Prey to Stuper. (From the London Express.) zerland in 1806. This small Republic, with its population of 3,003,000, is one of the world's best markets, the purchases for the year totaling £45,504,000. Of this amount Great Britain's share was only £2,507,000 about 4.5 per cent, while Germany sold £13,812,000 worth, or nearly 20 per cent. The causes for the "Nation of Shopkeepera" being so heavily thrown off is own "pitch" are the same old causes, i. e. the stupidity and inertness of the British trader. These are hard words, but they are harder to say wher there is no denying their absointe truth.

DIED.

DARCEY-On Sunday, December 20, 1000, at 5:28 o'clock p. m., STEPHEN WALTER DANCEY, aged two years and five months, youngest son of Hency and Maggie Darcey, at 208 Twenty scond Street. Notice of funeral hereafter.

MARRISON—On Friday, Dec. 28, 1900, at 11:20 p. m., MARY E., beloved wife of Ernest L. Harrison and daughter of Elina and the late Peter Horrey in the 20th year of her age.

Funeral from the middence of her mother, 2202 H at. nw., Monday, Dec. 31, at 8:30 a. in., thence is st. Stephen's Church, where requires mass will be said for the repose of her soul.

MARSHALL—On Friday, December 25, 1900, at 199 a. m., MAX MARSHALL, beloved hasband of Augusta Marshall, at his late reddence, 122 9 Street northwest, in the sixty-sixth year of his

Funeral from residence, at 10 a. m., Monday December 31, 1000. Baltimore, Md., and Peters-burg, Va., papers please copy. def9-31

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Chancellor Commander. 1t A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS

of the Capital Traction Company for the election of directors will be held at the office of the company, Union Pas-senger Station, on WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH OF JANUARY, 1901.

The polls will be opened at 10:30 a. m. and closed at 1 p. m. G. T. DUNLOP, President.

C. M. KOONES, Secretary.

NOTICE-THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NOTICE—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
the stockholders of the New York
Power Gas Company, incorporated under
the laws of West Virginia, will be held for
the election of directors for the ensuing
year and for the transaction of such othes,
business as can properly be considered by
the meeting, at Room 23, Pacific Building,
in the city of Washington, D. C., on the
2D OF JANUARY, A. D. 1961, AT 12
O'CLOCK, NOON, M. HUTCHINSON,
de29,31 Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSUR-ANCE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, November 8, 1900.—Policy holders are notified that the managers have ordered paid the members a return of savings in proportion to the value of each policy at the close of 1895. Renewals for 1901 must be paid the company at the same time at the rate of 1 per cent on the premium notes, and POLICIES MUST BE PRESENTED that payments may be entered thereon. Poli-cies expire on the last Monday in Decem-ber (3131). Please attend early and avoid the crowd. W. A. H. CHURCH, President.

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